1639 ATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jose V. TORRES

Confirmation No.: 9437

Appln. No.: 10/072,084

Examiner: Wessendorf, Teresa D.

Filed: February 8, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1639

For: IMMUNOGENIC FORMULATION AND PROCESS FOR

PREPARATION THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 3648.032

Customer No.: 000041288

RESPONSE TO SECOND ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This election is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, the period for response being extended to October 4, 2004 by a Petition for a Four-Months' Extension of Time filed herewith.

Further, wherein the Examiner requires Applicant to elect for prosecution from either:

Group I - Claims 1-13 and 15-16, drawn to a method for preparing an immunogenic peptide mixture, classified in class 530, subclass 333+.

Group II - Claim 14 drawn to a method for preparing an immunogenic peptide mixture using bioinformatics technology, classified in Class 702, subclass 27.

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The position of the Examiner can be found on pages 2-4 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-13 and 15-16, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: September 30, 2004

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for U.S. Application No. 10/072,084 filed February 8, 2002, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 30, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.

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